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"He came up to me in the port al-leyway that day just after lunch, wab-bling about on his feet as he always did when we were in a sea way.
"'Mr. Horrocks,' he says, with his cheap, sickly grin, 'it's a long time since we had one of our chats together.'

"''Tis,' said I. 'I've been busy. I'm busy now. I'm very behindhand with making up the ship's papers. "'Ah,' says he, 'you've been so taken up with this yacht business that it's

dragged you away from your work. It seems to have made a large amount of interest in the ship.'
"'(Oh,' I said, 'that lot will bet on

anything.'
"He laughed in a weak sort of way. 'Well, purser,' says he, 'I hope you've feathered your own nest over the affair.' "'I can't say I have,' said I and began to move off toward my room. "'Pity that,' says he, 'when it's so

easy.'
"I turned round. 'How do you mean? Could you make money out of it?"
"'Certainly I could, if I wished to,
only, as you know, I consider it wrong

"Then ' said I a hit sarcastically.

"Then,' said I a bit sarcastically, 'you must have information which no-body else on this ship has got.'
"His eyes wandered over with me with a look of surprise, and a lurch sent him against a cabin door. He was a man who never found his sea legs. 'And why shouldn't I have?' he says

LOWEST PRICES! "'Well, if it comes to that, he yacht is doing here?'

"'Never mind, Mr. Horrocks, how I picked up the knowledge, but you can take it from me that I not only know who's on board, but I also know that yacht's exact business.'
"That's an asset of value,' I said,

and then stopped and considered a min-ute. 'Is there any consideration that I could offer which would induce you to part with the knowledge?'

part with the knowledge?'
"'My dear Horrocks,' he said, 'if you
want to know, of course I'll tell you
freely enough. I'd have told you any
time if you'd asked me. Only I don't

'It's a bit of a long story,' he went on, 'but if you can wait a minute or so I'll tell it you now—if you think no one is likely to overhear us, standing where

is likely to overshear
we are.

"'Certainly not, Mr. Farren,' said I.
'You come right along to my room and
have a cigar. You won't drink whisky,
I know, but you shall have iced lemonade in two shakes if you care for that.''
The purser of the Laconic ceased
maching and scraped a match. When it speaking and scraped a match. When it was well alight, he held the charred end

was well alight, he held the charred end of his cigar in the flame and watched it with interest. "I am afraid," he said, "that I am boring you gentlemen with all these preliminaries. I never could tell a tale well. Besides, there's one man in this smokeroom who could finish this yarn much better than I can. He proves a let of force a born't it has I have knows a lot of facts about it that I have not even guessed at up to now." The eyes of the smokeroom swung round till they all converged on Pit-

cairn, but that excellent person for once in his life looked slightly nonplused. The purser came to his rescue. He in-timated that Pitcairn's brain was quite unequal to guessing the sequel of the yarn and again invited the only man who could finish it to do so in detail. We began to look at one another with interest. It was occurring to each of us that we must have struck up a shipboard acquaintance with some man who only cerned in a very remarkable robbery, but after a cursory survey had not shown any one to appear obtrusively guilty (although for some reason we few of us seemed to be looking exactly at our best just then) a quaint feeling of restraint got hold of us. Each man seemed to feel that it was vaguely insulting to look at his possible; and even sulting to look at his neighbor, and eyes glanced up toward the deck above, and the smoke mist thickened, but by degrees glances were lowered and found a safe resting place on the person of Mr.

It was Vereker who voiced the general wish. "I think, purser," he said, "we shall have to bother you. You have shown such power as a raconteur that the other man, whoever he may be, is evidently nervous of entering into compatition."

The purser grinned and bit the end from a fresh cigar. "Funny thing, Sir Randal," said he, "but Farren was nearons too. When Farren came into my room that day, I thought he would have fainted, and for a good ten minutes he sat there on my sofa with the colors going and coming from his face like the limelight in a theater. But I didn't hur-

mind how I was going to make divi-dends out of her.

"Farren roused me up by calling my name, and I tell you what I saw, when I turned around, fairly made me sweat. He was standing there with his back against the door and one hand turning the key behind him as I looked. He'd a revolver in his other fist with the a revolver in his other fist, with the second finger on the trigger, and it did not require much brains to see that, whatever else he might be, he was no blooming amateur with a gun. He was looking sick enough still, but I give him credit he came to the point like a

and if you force me to shoot you I shall just take the key and help myself. So I want you to clearly understand that you'll only lose your life if you are obstinate through any foolish notions of being faithful to your trust and lose it quite uselessly. Kindly shift your bed-

"I did it.
"'Now switch of that infernal alarm bell which you bragged about and open the safe.'
"I did that too.
"'The Kiclothes on to the floor.

"'The King Diamond, please.'
"I handed him the morocco case. heard the two clicks as he opened and my hands behind my neck and go out of the cabin. 'I'll leave you your gallon and a half of other gems,' said he, 'and you can swear that you defended them bravely if you think that will save your credit. Anyway, say what you choose, will never contradict you. Now, out

side, please, quickly.'
"I stepped into the alleyway, and
the door slammed on my heels. I heard the door slammed on my heels. I heard the bolt shoot in the lock, and I fancy it's to my credit that I didn't stay there gaping to think. I raced for the charttop speed. The old man wasn' there. He'd gone on to the upper bridge and away I went after him.

"I gave him my tale in 20 words, and nstinctively we both looked toward the yacht. She had slowed down and was edging in toward our track. Beyond a doubt Farren had spoken truth. She was there after the King Diamond, and he had signaled her out of my cabin

port.
"But what was to be the next move we could not guess. The skipper rang 'stand by' to the engine room and waittelegraph. 'My great Scott,' I heard him mutter. 'they're never going to have the cheek to board us! They'll stove in half our plates if they try it or with this sea running. "I reminded him that the vacht had

two knots more speed than we had.
"'I know that,' says the old n "'I know that,' says the old man.
'By gum, this is a regular Robinson Crusoe piracy business, and the worst of it is if they come on board here with a dozen rifles we've nothing that can stop them from just helping themselves to what they fancy'— He ran his eye round the horizon. There was a Hamburg-American boat away astern of us and a couple of steam colliers and half a dozen old wind jammers on one side or the other and not such a thing as a cruiser in sight, of course, just because we wanted one. 'That yacht's been run away with, that's what's the matter with her. This isn't a sort of game a man like Lord Raybury would play.'
"'She's slowing down, sir,' said I.
"She's dropping astern of us.' And I was
going to say something else when a reg-

had been betting about so industriously "'Man overboard! There he is! By

ular stream of yells broke out from our

passengers, who were all leaning over the portrail to see what this yacht they



"Now, outside, please, quickly. Throw a life buoy, some one! It's Far-ren, that little missionary man, Farren! He jumped out through a port; just squeezed out head first. He was sucked down under the propeller. He's got an arm cut off. He basn't; he's holding on arm cut off. He hasn't; he's holding on to a cork belt with that arm he isn't swimming with. He isn't swimming at all: he can't swim. Look at the way

he's clawing about.'
"The mate on watch had got a whistle between his teeth before you could say 'knife.' 'Port lifeboat!' he shouted. 'Tumble aft the crew.' Then he led the way himself and went for the awning hings with his knife. He left the bridge to the old man, and the old man rang off the engines. But a big steame like ours carries way, and we weren't prepared, and the yacht was. They'd slowed down close by Farren, and their boat was in the water before ours had left davits, and I guess they had picked him up and got him on board and their

him up and got him on board and their boat run up again before ours was half way to where the life buoys floated.

"There was nothing for it. We were just helpless, and we had to see that yacht starboard her helm and steam away for the open sea, with Farren and the King Diamond, and my character, and all our poor old steamboat's blooming seed it towed away under her hatch. ing credit stowed away under her hatches. The only thing we could do was to go on to Southampton and report. But we didn't much expect to recover the was there in her usual place, just abeam, with about a quarter of a mile of ugly looking water between her and us, and I was conning over in my mind how I was going to make divi
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once he'd got his fingers over it. And that is about what happened. "The yacht had been run away with. She was all ready for sea and victualed for a long cruise when up comes a chap with a letter—forged, of course—writwith a letter—forged, of course—written by Lord Raybury to the skipper and telling him to accept bearer's orders in every particular. The chap, who was Farren's partner, met our steamer with him on board by arrangement at sea and stood by and waited for a signal. He picked Farren up precious near drowned, but with the morococ case all right in his pocket, and then they shoved across for the Mexican gulf. When the yacht's skinner objected, he was shown Lord ten for the Mexican gulf. When the yacht's skinner objected, he was shown Lord ten for the Mexican gulf. When the yacht's skinner objected, he was shown Lord ten for the Mexican gulf. When the yacht's least the safest way to dispose of it."

He saily smuggled out of the Cape, and once it got carted away to the east there is the Republicans, that this is an almighty poor time to be splitting hairs over thefinintial question.

As some recent visitors to Washington have expressed surprise to find all kinds of government business going on just as though there was no war, it was brought stored the safest way to dispose of it.

thing had leaked into the papers, and somebody had got to be a scapegoat, and Washington

ere was I close and handy. I gues they wouldn't have been human if they hadn't sacked me."

would have missed its best purser," said Pitcairn. "Old fellow, here's your most excellent and honored health! But did your Farren man?

"Not they," said Horrocks. "So far as I know the fellow's never come up to the surface—till now."
"What's this?" said Pitcairn. "Do you really mean to say he's in this smoking room right now?"
"That's what I mean," said the

purser. "I suppose he's been sick or sorry or something before, but anyway this is his first appearance on this ship, so he's been under the surface now for exactly five years and one month-and

The purser lit his new cigar, and no one spoke. The only sounds were the noises of the ship and the faint clash of

the seas outside. The purser got his cigar in full blast and looked at the glowing tip medita-tively. "Dundas is the name he's shipped under here," he observed at last "Pity for some people, isn't it, that they can't change a face as handily as they

can alter a signature?"
"I beg your pardon," said the little
quiet man with sloping shoulders who
sat next to Vereker, "but you apparently mean me, purser. My name's Dundas, and through seasickness this is my first appearance in this room. Did I an-nex this celebrated gem?" "You did," said Horrocks grimly.

"Well," said the small man, "I appear to be more fortunate than I thought and far more fond of the salt water. What do you think, Vereker? Just five years and a month ago I think you said,

Sir Randal Vereker did not answer at once. He lay back first and laughed till tears ran down the crow's feet at the corners of his eyes. But at last he and ca, ture a port to be used as a base and said he: "Purser, I'm afraid you've got the wrong pig by the ear this time. Five years ago from now Mr. Dundas and secretary in the British embassy at Peking. I was doing work at Shanghai then and saw him constantly. In fact, I've known him all my life. The purser said, "Oh!" and looked red and foolish. Dundas, however, had some more to add on the subject. "Your

man Farren," he said, "is evidently very much like me in personal appear-"Or I shouldn't have tumbled into

here I happened to be in Shanghai, and a doctor I knew there told me they'd got my double in hospital. Out of curi-osity I went to see him, and I must say the pair of us were as much alike as er-hock bottles. It wasn't a flattering find, because the other poor fellow was clean mad. He'd a lump of rough crystal almost as big as a pigeon's egg which he fancied was a diamond that everybody was trying to steal from him. Curions shaped crystal it was, too, with markings like three accurate concentric

"And a cross just around the corner from the other end, long shaped, and a

"But I tell you." said Dundas, "it

"Come to think of it, I never did,"

... Letter



RESIDENT MO Kinley has every rea-on to feel highly gratified with the progress of the war as well as with the progress of the preparations for more

fighting record of which has never been surpassed under any flig. This less the reported coming of the Spanish ly reading. fleet changes the President's program. A landing in Cuba is to be made by a portion of the regular army, for the purpose of establishing a base of supplies for the Cuban army and giving it a chance to see what it can do when it has modern arms and plenty of amnunition, while the volunteer army is being gotton into good fighting shape, Naval efficials only fear that the reported coming of the Spanish fleet is untrue. They wish them to come either to attempt to relieve the Cuban coast cities. Si ula they do either they would give us an opportunity to put a speedy end to the war by destroying a Spanish navy. While hoping for their coming, the average naval officer believes that we hall have to cross the Atlantic before getting an opportunity to fight the Spanish navy.

While the administration is not disposed to indulge in any boasting or to cross any bridges before they are e ched, it can be stated upon unquesionable authority that this government will not change its policy or nethod . f conducting the war against Spain for any diplomatic protest from Europe, whether made by one nation of ported by a naval demonstration in force, such as France appears to be hreatening to make. It was known when Commodore Dewey was ordered sobered down and got his voice again, of supplies for our Asiatic squadron that European protests were likely to be made against such action, but that did not change or effect in any way the orders. We are not inviting trouble with any other European pation, but if any of them feel disposed to give Spain something more subs antial than their moral support they will not stampede us with fright. Such ac. tion would only mean an extension of the war; it would not change the result-victory for the U.S.

taining the names of those who voted

with the Republicans for the war revenue bill passed by the House, which in addition to numerous new internal revenue taxes, mostly the same that were imposed during the civil war, authorizes the issue of \$600,000,000 in 3 per cent bonds, is not a long one, There were only six of them-Cum-Y.; Fitzgerald, of Mass.; McAleer, of and he cannot marry any one excluded reles intended in one end."

Pa., and Wheeler, of Ala. A few by law from succession to the crown.

"My great Scott!" said the purser. Democrats declined voting at all on If all the lines become extinct the King The domination of the Catholic tory, when half the world was theirs N. C., and Thorp, of Va .- voted with "That's the thing," said Dundas.
"Why, man," shouted the purser,
"it's the King Diamond itself you're
talking about! There couldn't be ancalled silver Republican Senators are was no diamond at all. It was only some sort of crystal that was not hard enough to scratch glass, and no man that Senate, but a canvas of the Senate has was sane would have taken it for anything else when he came to handle it."
"Whew!" said the purser, and moped a moist forehead with his pocket handkerchief.

"It is a shown that enough Democrats will vote with the Republicans to ensure the passage of the bill, substantially as it came from the House, and as every "Did you ever have the gem you were attempt to filibuster will be at once shown up not much delay is expected in reaching a vote on the bill in the Senate. The eight or ten Democrats the purser admitted. "It was sealed before me and then delivered into my the believed into my the bill will be headed by Senator Gorthe charge, and I gave a receipt."

"Then, if an outsider might form a theory," said Vereker, "the real stone was stolen somewhere at the Cape and a forgery sent home so that the theft might not be discovered till as late an he will be acting against a majority of the solution and the section against a majority of argely because in supporting this bill he will be acting against a majority of might not be discovered till as late an hour as possible. How those thieves out there must have chuckled when they heard of Farren & Co. coming ex machina to help play their game."

"Christopher Moses!" said the purser thoughtfully. "You're right, Sir Randal. That's the game for a thousand. And where's that stone now by any characters." chance?"

"Ah, there you're asking me too much," said Vereker. "But I shouldn't say it was broken up. When it had officially ceased to exist, it could be very easily smuggled out of the Cape, and once it got carted away to the east there would be hears of purchasers ready to the Rauphlians. That this is each.

loking sick enough still, but I give him crelit be came to the point like a minute of the same to the same to the point like a minute of the same to the same to the point like and the same to the same

LAND OF THE DONS.

The general desire in this country just now is clearly evidenced at the librarans of all the large cities. The libraries have been so pestered by the will be reduced nearly one-sixth. demands of the public the they have placed all books relating to "our friends, the enemy," on shelves where the people can pick them out for themselves. Even then the general thirst be satisfied, and all kinds of impossible The kingdom of Spain constitutes

tic Ocean, and joined by a wide neck of dents. land to France. The great fort of mands the entrance to the Mediterranean. It is, however, owned and garrisoned by Great Briain. Spain is a monarchy founded by the union of the

the fifteenth century. She has been Hapsbury for 400 years, except once when Joseph Bonaparte was proclaimed king by his brother, the Emperor Napoleon, and once when the country was a republic, during 1873 and 1874. The house of Bourbon is in power at present, although its supremacy is opposed by the Carlists, who claim a bar sins er interferes vi.h the purity of the descent. The present king is Alfonso XIII, who, however, is but 12 years old, and whose mother, Maria Christina, is the regent of the country. HOW SPAIN IS GOVERNED.

The present constitution of Spain was proclaimed in 1876. It p oclaims the government to be a constitutional monarchy, the executive resting in the King, the power to make laws "in the Cortes with the King.' The Cortes are composed of a Senate and a Congress equal in authority. There are three their own right, secondly, Senators nominated by the crown, and thirdly, state, that is, the communal and provincial states, the church, the univerpayers of contributions, Senators by their own right are the grandees of the kingdom, whose titles and possessions entitle them to the privilege. The Congress is formed by Deputies in the proportion of one to every 50,000 population. In 1878 Cuba was given the right to send Deputies to the Cortes in the proportion of one to every 40,000 free inhabitants paying 125 pesetas in taxes yearly. The constitution further enacts that the King in inviolable, but his ministers are responsible and all his decrees must be countersigned by one of them. The Cortes must a prove mings, McClellan, and Griggs, of N. his marriage before he can contract it Pa., and Wheeler, of Ala. A few by law from succession to the crown.

Minister of the Coloni s. HER AREA AND POPULATION. sylvania and all of the New England States combined have an area of 102,-065 square miles. Spain is, therefore, a triffe larger than these States On the other hand, Texas has an area of drawn completely around her frontier named above,

Beside the Canary and Balearic isl-

9,695,567 persons. So that her foreign

twice as large as her own, and a foreign population nearly half .the size of her own. Of course, if she loses Cuba, for some exact knowledge about Spain her foreign area will be reduced oneninth, and her foreign population, if the loss of a garrison is considered, TWELVE MILLION SPANIADS CANNOT

Census returns show that a very large proportion of the inhabitants of Spain are illiterate. Nearly 12,000, for facts about Span does not seem to 000 in the kingdom can neither read nor write. In the whole of Spain R a worthy successor to the old navy, the which separate for information was found that but 5,004,460 persons which cannot be furnished. It would could read and write, 608,005 persons seem, therefore, that a few plain statements concerning the actual condition ports 24,529 public and 5576 private week the army is thave its first of the land of the dons will ake timeschools. A law making education
schools. A law making education compulsory was passed in 1857, but it was never enforced, partly for political what might be called the south vestern reasons and partly because of the arm of Europe, where it reaches down wretched pay of the teachers-\$50 to and almost touches nor hern Africa. \$100 a year being a usual fee. In It is a true peninsula, washed on three higher education Spain is not behind sides by the waters of the Mediterrabcurrying an enrollment of 16,000 stu-

Spain gets its revenue by a system of Gibraltar, cut from solid rock of its direct and indirect taxation, stamp southern extremity, completely com- duties, government monopolies, etc. Direct taxes are imposed on landed registration act, titles of nobility. mortgages, etc.; the indirect taxes is likewise capable. The following is couses of Aragon and Castile during come from foreign imports, articles of consumption, tolls, bridge and ferry ruled intermittenity by the houses dues. Her revenue for 1896 and 1897 and capable of holding their own in of Aragon and Bourbon, Savoy was £30,771,450;her expenditures £30,-456.584. She had beside this, however, an extraordinary expenditure of £9,360,000. Her pubic debt is now over \$17,000,000,000, including over \$350,000,000 incurred in Cuba. WHAT HER PEOPLE LIVE ON. HER RAILWAYS. Spain is an argricultural country. In

the early party of the century the country was owned by landed proprietors, who had acquired great tracts of and partially-protected: land, but in recent years these tracts to the hands of small farmers and fruit-growers. The vine is the most important culture, but large quantities of oranges. raisins, nuts and olives are minerals, the annual value of her mineral exports being about £6,640,000. She also manufactures cotton goods. She has nearly seventy thousand looms. classes of Senators—first Senators by Her imports for 1896 and 1897 amount her in £34,890,400. The most primitive conditions prevail in many parts of Spain, and in some portions life is almost as it was when Columbus traveled he country roads on foot leading his little son by the hand. This is due to the meager means of communication, there being but 7548 miles of railway in the whole country. This is only 3.9 | tion in the sense that other nations are United States has nearly 30,000 miles walls of the Moorish strongholds that of road. But the people of Spain still the example might incite the chivaladhere to their gayly caparisoned rous bravery of their followers; that mule-, which, perhaps, make up in caused the houses of Urena and de Leon worn out romance what they lack in to pledge their estates that the Moors speed.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IS ABSOLUTE The memory of that period, the most the bill. Two Republicans-Linney, of would be elected by a "vote of the na-church in Spain is almost absolute. never dies in their breasts, and it, more tion." After the King the relus of the Nearly the whole population adhere to than anything else, would sustain them 129 Democrats and populists against government are guided by a president that creed. Indeed, no other form of in a war of nations. This pride of race of the Council and the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Justice, Finance, the licly. The last census showed 32,435 for. Out of the ruins of their past Interior, War, Marine, Agriculture, priests living in the sixty-two dioceses greatness have risen beautiful monuliving in 161 monasteries, and 14,592 its palaces and 470,000 worshipers of the nuns living in 1027 convents. There ancient throne; Barcelona with its Spain's area and p pulation, as it is are sixty five cathedrals; thirty reliat the present time, is interesting, in gious colleges and 18,564 churches. war, and blind to all but its romance; view of the fact that once her possessBesides these there are over 11,000 Malaga with its 100,000, who daily ions were greater than those of any houses devoted to religious purposes. other European power. Her present area, including the Balearic and lowed the Protestants, but it has cestors; Carthagena, Cadiz, Valencia, Canary islands, each of which is con- to be be kept very private, and no pubsidered a province, is 197,670 square lic announcement of the fact is permitted. The church dignitaries are supported by the State. A CORDON OF FORTS.

Spain is well defended from invasion

by a cordon of forts and fortified towns 262,290 square miles, so that if Spain On the north there is Fuenterrabia, the is 35,005 square miles larger than the fortified ports of Passages and mili-States above name, Texas is, in turn, tary ports of Santona, Santander, Ferthe Democrats. It is but justice to 74,630 square miles larger than Spain rol Coruna and Vigo. In the Basque The population of Spain is estimated provinces are Bilboa and Vitoria. To be 17 650 234 about the same as that to be 17,650,234, about the same as that the left of the Ebro are Pampiona, Taof the New England and Middle States falla Jaca, Venasqua, Monzon, Puycerda, N. J. Seo de Urcel Balaquer and Lerida. Nearer the Mediterranean are Cardona, Hostalrich, Campredon, Ripoll, Gerona ands, Spain holds the colonies of Cuba, Olot, Cartelfollit, Figueras. On the area 41,655 mile; population before Mediterranean are Palamos, Barce the war, 1,631,687. Porto Rico, area long, Tarragons, Malaga, Almeria, 3500 square miles; p pulation, 866,708. Carthagens, and Alicante. Logrono, Total area and population in America Tudel, Zaragoza, Mequinenza, and 45,205 square miles and 2,438,395 per- Tortosa, are in the Ebro. Burgos and sons respectively. Her possessions in Morella lie to the south of it. Toro, Asia are: The Philippine Islands, area Rodrigo, Valencia and Alcantara, Al-114,326 quare miles; population 7,000,- buquerque and Badajos lie along the 000; the Sulu Islands, are a 950 square Portuguese frontier. Tarifa and Al-

reserve for six years' service. By pay ing 1500 pesatas any one may escape years in the various reserves. Thus men, and it is estimated that in time of need Spain could easily mobilize an efficient army of 1,083,595 men. The standing army numbers about 70,000 men, although recent levies make this number nearer 100,000. Spain's navy a list of her most important men-ofwar, all of which are the armored class

modern combat. HER NAVY.

Most of these vessels have a normal

exported every year. Spain is rich in speed of 20 knots, and several, notably the this rate. Spain also has a numerous fleet of torpedo boats and torpedo-boat Her imports for 1896 and 1897 amounted to £29,366,906. Her exports brought 000 sailors, besides about one thousand

mechanicians of various kinds. HER BRILLIANT HISTORY. This is, in fact, the army, and this the navy which will protect the beautiful Spanish cities which have known less change since the days of the Moors than almost any other in Europe. Spain is not, after all, a modernized nalinear miles of road for every 100 modernized. Her people are governed square miles of territory. New Eng- by the spirit of Quixotism that caused land alone has as many miles of rail. Isabella to pledge her jewels so that road as has Spain and her territory is Columbus might start westward; that not nearly as great. The same area as caused Ferdinand and his consort to Spain picked out of the upper Eastern | move their throne chairs up to the very might be driven from the Alhambra. quarter of a million, mostly eager for have the remains of Moors to teach them Seville, and Grenada, where memory stops and the grotesquess and arabesques of the great Moorish temple lifts one out of the nineteenth century and carries one, back to the time when war

> in Spain meant honor, valor and glory. Sarsaparilla for cleansing the blood. I suf-fered from boils, but before I had finished taking the first bottle of Hood's Sarsapacured." Miss C. A. Amon. Merchantville

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Local News.

-The individua's who usually spend all their time telling editors how they ought to run their papers will now give the editor a rest, in order to tell the government how

-If you want photographs of yourself or family, go to Trink'leer, West Main street

-Bethesda Epworth League meeting every Sunday at 6.45 P. M. The subject for to-morrow is—"The Gift of Patience." The meeting will be led by Mrs. Darling

Every body uses Bragdon's Poultry Rem

-For Sale-Chestnut posts and rails Apply to George Buckwith, St. Augustine,

-Call on Mrs. A. M. McKee, she can beautiful hats for ladies and children.

The Rev. J. H. Willey, D. D., formerly of trand Avenue Church, Brooklyn.

-There are men who talk -war with energy, who could serve their generation much better by carrying in the wood for an overworked housewife, or spading the garden for spring planting.-Exchange. -The millinery display at Mrs. M. C. Barnett's is the most attractive to be seen

-For Rent.-One Dwelling on Main

MISS FANNIE SHEPHERD. -It is reported that five horses that were

driven from Wilmington to Middletown last Sunday were abused and died along the road. It is also said that several horses belonging to persons in this county died on the road from exhaustion.—Dover Index. It's folly, to lose your poultry when the use of Bragdon's Poultry Remedy is guar-

anteed to you for 25 cents. -Great occasions do not make heroes of cowards; they simply unveil them to the eyes of men. Silently and imperceptibly, as we wake or sleep, we grow and wax strong, we grow and wax weak; and at last some crisis shows us what we have

-See our Cook Stoves and Ranges, me cash. MIDDLETOWN HARDWARE HOUSE.

-The Middletown girls are already making faces at our Wilmington soldier beys and the guards have been troubled to keep them in camp. Still the flirting is contin ued at a distance, as it is said that distance enchantment to the view .- Ex-

-We call the attention of farmers who wish to contract for pickles to the advertise ment of the Philadelphia Pickling Con

-The M. E. Church trouble at Laure and Pocomoke City has been adjusted by transfering Rev. D. H. Corkran to Ser to Camden. New Jersey, and bringing from these places the Rev. George Woodall for Laurel, and Rev. E. C. Sunfield for Poco-

-Choice Chrysanthemums, Geranium Grape vines, Cabbage and Tomato Plants for sale by C. R. CLAYTON, Cass street Middletown, Del.

-FARMERS AND HORSEMEN .- I desire to call your attention to the fact that I have the services of Mr. George W. Howard, who is considered by those for whom he has done horse shoeing to be one of the best shoers in the country. A trial is earnestly solicited. Frank L. Cates.

-The man who gets fewest letter con plains the most of the postoffice; the man who complains the most of his neighbor is the meanest neighbor, the man who has the least sense is the most conceited, and the man who borrows his neighbor's paper is the one that does the most "kicking about

To FARMERS-Send your teams in a any time and get any kind of phosphate you may want. Large stock always in warehouse. JESSE L. SHEPHERD S. M. REYNOLDS, Agt.

ebody with plenty of time on hi hands has figured that the average number of hairs on the head of a red-headed per-son is 29,000: that dark haired people have about 105,000, and fair-haired men and women from 140,000 to 160,000. It has also been calculated that if all the hairs or the head of a tair-haired woman could be plaited together they would sustain a weight of eighty tons.

PROFESSIONAL CARD.-Dr. W. E. Barnard Surgeon Dentist, office same location, op posite the post office. All operations per-taining to dentistry guaranteed. Odontun-der and Gas for painless extracting.

A clever swindler is taking advantage of the war to work the farmers in lower Delaware and on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. He represented himself to be a government veterinarian and goes to the were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Boyer farmer on the claim that he is purchasing | this week. horses for the government. The horse is accepted and a check tendered in payment. The check is for an amount in excess of what is to be paid for the horse and the appears, promising to return for the horse. He never returns and the check is found

Each one is about the size of a barrel and they are in close proximity and about six or seven feet below the surface of the river in the vicinity of Fort Delaware water. The work is finished and the engines of destruction will form a complete chain across the river, with scattering mines here and there. Boats coming up mines here and there. Boats coming up mines here and there are the first of the friend were their guests the first of the the river will be required to go to the west-ward of the fort and no boat drawing more than seven feet will be allowed to pass.

—Forks, Shovels, Spades, Ares, Rope
Traces, Chain Traces, Hames, Curry Combs,
Horse Brushes, Farm Bells, Grindstones
and all other kinds of Handware, Tin Ware
and Wooden Ware suited to the season at

way down prices," at

Middletown Hardware House,

—The new pipe organ is being placed in the M. E. Church. The organ recital will be given Tuesday, May 17th.

-"The things my denomination has acomplished" is the Christian Endeavor subject for 6.45 to-morrow evening.

-Bishop Coleman preached at St. Anne's P. E. Church on Sunday evening and confirmed a class of thirteen persons. -At the regular monthly meeting last

Friday evening of the Epworth League the officers were re-elected for another year. -It is expected that the Rev. Dr. Munwill preach at St. Anne's Church to-mor-

-Mr. J. B. Maxwell will spend Sunday both services. In the evening he will sing a tenor solo.

easy at private sale. Inquire at TRANSCRIPT

-Captain Eliason and Mr. J. M. Nau-Md.

dain, of the Tolchester Company, both well proposition was made to re-enlist in Anow fake is being worked on the known in Middletown, are to be congra.

U.S. Volunteers, have returned, and -A new take is being worked on the people just now. A peddler is making the rounds selling goods, "the profits of which go to relieve the suffering Cubans," A thin pretext, but it does the work.

-Call on Mrs. A. M. McKee, she can the profits of the carries of the profits of water from the Susquehana river.

--An exchange says the newspaper field is a wide field of roses and thorns. When The Rev. J. H. Willey, D. D., formerly of the Wilmington Conference, has been trans-ferred from the East Ohio to the New York Post Conference and testioned at the New East Conference and stationed at the Nos-trand Ayenue Church, Brooklyn.

preacher silines. If you loast the sales man the teetotaler smiles, when you roast the teetotaler the saleson man will willingly -Remember that J. F. McWhorter & Son set 'em up. If you swear, you are a wicked have a full line of carriages and agricultural man, and if you pray you are a hypocrite. Implements on hand and if you don't you are a nonentity. The preacher knows one thing, the saloon man another, but the newspaper man is expected

-The Levy Court of New Castle county, has fixed the capitation tax at 50 cents. This is the first tax levied under the new law as passed by the General Assembly. John H. Rodney, the attorney of the cour of this carth through their generous was in conference with it concerning its podeeds, tender sympathies, devoted friendship, kindly words and sweet affection. The capitation law does not menship, kindly words and sweet affection, tions. The capitation law does not menneed not waste time thinking of a heaven tion the poll tax, and says that the capitation tax shall be collected by the county collector in each hundred. The law does not repeal the poll (ax law, but it would have relieved the Levy Court of a problem if it had done so. Mr. Rodney seems to be in favor of wiping off of the poll tax assessment by the court. It is possible that the new law will be so amended as to allow the abolition of the poll tax assessment.

-The trial of Ezekiel T. Cooper, editor of the Milford Herald, began in the Federal Court on Thursday before Judge Bradford on the charge of having aided Wm. N. Boggsin stealing \$23,000 of the \$107,000 lost by the Dover National Bank. District Attorney L. N. Vandegrift represents the prosecution and L. C. Bird, Esqr., and genator Gray the accused. In drawing the jury three men were chattenged by each side: Charles Cannon, Wm. H. Blake and A. H. Padberg were objected to by Mr. Vandegrift, and Mr. Bird challenged John dium size, large or small. All at surprising H. Hoffecker, Charles E. Dubell, and low prices, and yet ten per cent off for Thomas Naudain. The jury to try the case is as follows: Richard T. Cann, Red Lion hundred; Joseph E. Holland, Cedar Creek; Jacob S. Graham, Mispillion; Benjamin F. Gray, Broadkiln; J. Thomas Price, Red liam A. Jester, Red Lion, Bernard Duross, Mill Creek; Harry A. Dennison, New Cas-tle; Samuel McDaniel, Wilmington; Nelson J. Pierson, Milford; and Isaac T. Parker

PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Wom

(If you have been away on a visit, or hav visitors at your home send us the news, set itearly. What may seem of no interest t you, may be pleasing to some one else. Ware always pleased to publish any items of personal or local mention and cordially inviour patrons to furnish us the facts.

-Miss Mabel Parvis is entertaining Miss Talley, of Wilmington.

-Mr. Charles Turner, of Tappan, New York, is a Middletown visitor -Miss Ada Lockwood is spending th

-Miss Helen Covington is spending som

-Miss Lionne Beasten, of Bohemia Manor, is visiting her cousin, Miss May -Miss Elizabeth Wallace of Dover has

been the guest of Mrs. J. B. Messick at the Middletown Hotel. -Mrs. L. M. Bean, of Tappan, N. Y., is

the guest of her brother, Mr. Jefferson B. Foard, and family. -Rev. Charles I. Stengle, wife and child

were guests at the home of W. Pierce Biggs, Esq., on Wednesday. -Mrs. Lettie Price, of Philadelphia, has

been at her mother's, Mrs. William Price's, on South Broad St. this week. -Mrs. Frank Stidham and children, and

Miss Neosha Collins, of Willmington, are guests at Mr. James Collins near town. -Mrs. Lottie Reynolds, who has been

Newark, returned to town on Wednesday. -Mrs. Wilmer Pennington, of Love Manor, spent several days with friends in Philadelphia returning home on Monday

-Mrs. Mary Casey, of Millington, Md.,

-Mr. Zach Harris, of Glasgow, was the guest of his sister, Mrs. W. A. Green, on Sunday. He was accompanied by Miss Maggie Lewis.

-Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Davis, of

-Robert H. Hoffecker, Esq., editor of the

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AT CAMP TUNNELL.

The first week of the encampment of the State Militia brought all kinds of weatherwas an ideal May 1st and thousands of vis- week itors came to Middletown and to the en-campment to visit the boys. Phey were found bright and cheerful, and enjoying their experience and the prospect of gel at the Spaniards. The baskets and boxes of delicacies and home baking brought to camp in one day would feed the entire regiment. The estimates of the visitors o Sunday have been as high as ten thousand, on. Chaplain of the Delaware regiment, when three or four thousand would prob bly number them. The two hotels fed about 500 persons for dinner between them, many eatingst restaurants.

choir of the Forest Presbyterian Church at which was attended by many civilians. He aftended St. Anne's in the evening in company with others of the camp, -rhe Board of Education, of Wilmington, has secured by purchase the Churchman property, on Delaware avenue, and
will erect thereon a handsome and commofar from water and will even a set of the secure of the

jority of the officers and men who left the encampment on the third day when the U.S. Volunteers, have returned, and recruits have been added each day since. A three company officers; captain, first and second lieutenants.

Governor Tunnell and staff held a con sultation with Col. Wich ersham and other Regimental officers, Lieutenant Gordon and Surgeon Wyeth of regular army on Tuesday, and on Wednesday the physical-examination of the men began at rooms at the National Hetel. The work has been completed, except of the recruits daily re-porting, and of 650 men but 49 failed to pass, defective vision being the chief cause of failure to qualify. On Thursday 112 recruits reported, chiefly from Wilmington though Newark and Bridgeville were largely represented. Yes erday the num-ber was some less making to date about 750 men in camp.

The order of the soldiers in town has been remarkably good. At first the permits from camp into town extended to 9 o'clock in the evening but after three or four days they were made to expire at 6 o'clock. A few of "the boys" not understanding that dicipline would be kind yet strict overstayed the time, and the guardbut they too have been dealt with. It is said one or two of the factory girls have been inclined to "flirt," to attract the atention of the militiamen. These will receive their discharge if they persist in this

The ministers of the town united in a letter to Gen. Holiday, first of thanks that excursion trains were not run last Sunday, and second of petition that no Sunday trains be run to town for the encampment and the following announcement has been

"For the accommodation of persons siring, to visit Camp Tunnell at Middle-town, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore railroad), will run a special train on Sun-day, May, 8, to Middletown and return, leaving Wilmington at 10.30 a. m., and returning, leaving Middletown at 5.30 p. m. same day. E:curs'on ticke's, good only on that day on special train, will be sold and return at rate of 75 cents."

The pay roll for the first week of the en nent was made up for payment by the State. It amounted to \$5,553.84, but since that time advice has been received from the general government that "Uncle Sam" will pay the men from the date of their This will be good news to the tax payer and should save the greater part of the \$30,000 voted by the General Assembly.

Every Middletown man takes his hat off to Sergeant Holten, the town's only sol-dier. The fellows who talked enlistment before the war, single and double, now hint that it is not such a thing after all "to go to a war that must end before it is fairly begun". They secretly admire Sergeant Holten but are not brave enough to applaud his act as being more than they can

TOWNSEND NOTES.

Mrs. Newman, of Wilmington, is visiting

her sister. Mrs. Chandler. Miss Lizzie Disch, of Leipsic, spent Sur

Miss Bessie Palmer, of Wilmington, vis ited Miss Rachie Weldon during the week Mrs. Anna Spry has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. N. Dolson, near St.

Georges. The Ladies Aid of Union Church met a the home of Mrs. N. Watts near town or

Mrs. Wm. Wiswel and daughter Miss Emma, of Wilmington, been have visiting riends in and near town.

The Ladies' Aid Society met at the hom of Mrs. George Knotts near town on Tues-day evening. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. A. L. Maloney; Vice President, Mrs. George Knotis; Secretary, Mrs. Addie Rey-nolds; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Elva Hart; Treasurer, Mrs. Eva Lattomus: Parsonau Watts and Mrs. Lizzie-Scott; Cake commit tee-Mrs. M. E. Money and Mrs. I. Pritchard; collectors—Mrs. Sallie R. Taylor and Mrs. Jennie Staats.

ROLL OF HONOR.

DEPARTMENT No 1 .- Albert Massey, Lucie Green, Leon DeValinger, George Kelley, Florence Gill, Helen Smith, Elizabeth Hop-kins, George I. Lockwood, Edith Wilson, Bright Cleaver.

—Mrs. W. F. Kennedy, Mrs. W. B.Biggs,
Mrs. J. P. Cochran, Jr., and Mrs. T. H.
Gilpin attended the meeting of the State
Federation of Clubs in Dover on Thursday.

BY Practical Cachery, Rossiter, McCrone, Mary Holten, Katie Truax,
Eva Whitlock, Herbert Chamberlain,
Harry Brady, Blanche Roberts. Louise McCarles, Physical Cachery, Elle Rupshead Withole Roe, Helen Brady, Gertrude McCrone, Edith Allee and Randolph Geary

Owens, Anna Bordley, Grace Parvis, Mat-tie Robets, Justine Peverley, Eva Joseph; B Class: Lillian Solway, Li zzie Holten, Bertha Byron, Eliza Green and Emma Kelley.

DEPARTMENT No 4.-Helen Rowe, Louise McCrone, Emily Allee, Florie Blome, Clara Whitlock, "J" Parker, Edna Banning Edith Mabrey, Mary Traux, Charlie Byron Ringgold Richards and Lloyd Bratton. In Department No. 5 the mumps have been epidemic the past month and conse-quently the attendance has been very irre . gular. The result is but one name for the roll of honor: Burtus Goff.

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The Anderson fishing fleet is having bad Miss Emma Eccles returned from Wil-H. C. Clark was in Philadelphia thi

Mrs. Ida Creed spent Wednesday in Wil Delaware City on Thursday. Mrs. James Clark was in Philadelphia

home this week.

Mr. Richard Starr, of Salem, N. J., was in town on Monday. Miss Annie Avers was the guest of Miss

DELAWARE CITY.

Mr. Eugene Cullison, of Camden, N. J. is sojourning here for a few weeks. Miss Lucie Martindale and Miss May mnson were in town over Sunday.

Miss Laura Belville is entertaining her Mrs. Geo. C. Bennett, of Harrisburg, Pa was an over-Sunday visitor at her mother's. Mrs. Thomas Heather, of Felton, visited

her brother, Mr. John Warren, on Sunday. Miss M. E. Janvier and Mrs. Harman spent Sunday with friends in Philadelphia. Mr. Cook, of Wilmington, officiated as feet. Mrs. Eliza Green and her sons went lay reader in Christ P. E. Church on Sun- to her assistance and brought her home.

lington, were guests of his brother, W.-A. accident Price, part of last and this week.

sum in hand which is to be devoted to buy- present ing an organ for the Sunday School ro As this is a real necessity their friends will do well to patronize the festival.

Mr. Frank Bruner has entered upon venture, namely: salting herring for sale. Eggs, doz. standing that dicipline would be kind yet strict overstayed the time, and the guard-house has consequently had a few lodgers.

At the shirt factory several of the men from the Camp have given some trouble, river was on Sunday and Monday. At time of writing the shad fishing is active as at the first of the week.

Miss Laura Frempt was highly compl mented last week while attending the Sun-day School convention held in Dover. Last November when the convention was held here Mr. Calhoon, of Wilmington, the musical director, and Miss Frempt sang hymn as a duet, which so delighted the audience that they were requested to re-The powers that be have decreed otherwise peat it in the evening which request wa made last week as it was noticed they were present. Miss Frempt has been invited to to sing in Wilmington in the near future.

Mrs. Ellen Rodney Voris died in Wil mington a few days ago in her 77th year She was a descendent of Caesar Rodny, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Mis. Vocis. was well known for several years. She was a devout mer ber of the Episcopal Church holding th while here. Strong warm friendships wer formed during the time and even her casua acquaintances regret the death of so gentle and estimable a woman. The funeral ser vices were held in St. Andrews P. I Church in Wilmington, on Tuesday and the remains were interred in the Wilming ton and Brandywine Cemetery.

CENTURY CLUB AT DOVER.

Meeting of Delegates at 10.15 a. m., Thu day May 5th. Report of Credential Committee. Report of Secretary. Report of Treasurer.

Report of By-law Committee Music. Welcome-Mrs. Beniah Watson President of the Dover Club

Response-Mrs. A. D. Warner. Newark Century Club, Mrs. Eugene Man

New Century Club of Georgetown Mrs. Margaret Housto Avon Club, of Felton, Miss Mary Harga-Tuesday Night Club, of Bridgeville.

Mrs. Margaret G. Ball New Century Club of Wilmington, Mrs. C. Miller Shakespeare Club, of Dover,
Mrs. Robt, L. Holliday Twentieth Century Club, of Smyrna.

Mrs. Anna Scott Hoffecker

New Century Club of Milford, Miss Syrena J. Hall osis, of Seaford, Miss Mac Cooper. New Century Club, of Middletown, Mrs. W. F. Kennedy

Century Club, of Dover, Mrs. NB. Smithers The Old and New School Laws of Dela Mrs. Henry Ridgely, Jr. of Dover

The Condition and Need of the Rural Schools in the State." Mrs. J. B. Turner, Dover "What the Women's Clubs can do for the Advancement of Public Education in Del

Mrs. Benja. Nields, Wilmingion Meeting of Delegates, 2.30 p. m. Election of Delegates and Alternates the Bi-ennial Convention of the Genera Federation of Women's Clubs to be held in Denver, Col., from June 21 to 26, 1898. Federation Meeting at 3 p. m.

"The National University," "The Mission and Value of Traveling

Mrs. T. J. Craven, Salem N. J "Some Suggestions on Parliamentar; Usage."
Miss M. H. A. Mather, Wilms

"Co-operation and the Lend-a-Hand Spirit in Club Work." Mrs. John Graham, Baltimore "The Growth of the Club Movement,"
,Mrs. A. W. Longstreth, Phila KENT COUNTY.

Joseph McDaniel, of Dover, has sold his ve wheat crop at ninety cents pe H. C. Collison, of Dover, Del., offers his

self as a candidate for the nomination fo the office of Clerk of the Peace in and for Kent county, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention. Repairing and Silversmithine Sheriff S. L. Shaw publically whipped seven prisoners at Dover last Saturday morning in the presence of a large crowd of

ODESSA NOTES.

Miss Fanny Griffenberg, of Denton, spent

ton on Tuesday.

Mrs. Crow and daughter, of Philadelphia

was the guest of Mrs. Hester Snape on Sun-Miss Virginia Lord spent Monday with

her sister, Mrs. Colin Ferguson, of Black-Mr. J. Chester Gibson, of Wilmington Mrs. Jos. L. Gibson.

Little Miss Anna Catts, of Wilmington

has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. W. H. Eccles, part of this week. Mr. and Mrs. John W. Watkins and daughter, ofSmyrna, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Watkins on Sunday. While horseback riding near Middletown Wm. R. Davis' horse frightening it so that Mrs. Davis was thrown under the horses

Mrs. Davis was very much bruised where the horse had trodden on her and the next iting Miss Edith Vankirk has returned to day she was quite sick. Fortunately there showing railrout icke and stating her home in Claymont.

were no bones broken and she has almost what paper this advertisement was Mr. Edgar Price and son Paul, of Mil- entirely recovered from the effects of her seen. The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E.

On Thursday mines were begun to be placed in the channel of the river on the Delaware City side of the fort under the direction of Major Andrews who is for the channel of the river on the direction of Major Andrews who is for the constant of Major Andrews direction of Major Andrews who is for the present residing in the town.

Judging from the number of flags of of various size flying in town from several windows, the people here are quite patriotic. A deep interest is shown by the eagerness to hear the latest war news, and the arrival of the mail morning and evening is an event of unusual interest.

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The young people of the Presbyterian At the close of the business meeting patriotChurch will hold a strawberry festivul in ic songs were sung and refreshments of the lecture foom on Tuesday May 10th in the evening. Proceeds to be added to the most enjoyable evening was spent by all

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Lot No. 4.—Boys' long Pants, fine All-Wool

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very often do we hear a visionary heory presented at the institute. No, it is theory reduced to a practical certhe speakers themselves. To us as and completing the roads. CAPITAL (full paid),-\$500,000 listeners it often looks visionary, be-Surplus, - - - \$100,000 Undivided Profits, - \$37,318 cause as we say it is surely too good to nat we too can and will do likewise. But away from the glamour of the intellectual gathering it loses its roseate hue. We find that it takes hard work

along three lines. GENERAL TRUST BUSINES The first is the work proper; the second is ourselves, and the third is our neighbors. Loans Money on Mortgages and Other Good Securities.

Either one is a task but combined it eems herculean. What wonder if we so often fail? It is, however, this gen ius for hard work, this power of stickat-it-iveness, this pratical power that has made these afore-mentioned persons what they are -leaders of the people,-and we may well strive to emulate them. In a work, convert theoretical knowledge into practical as quickly as is possible.

LATE GROWN OR SECOND-CROP PO-TATOES.

The seed value of a crop of potatoes grown in the latter part of the season is fully recognized by all who have horoughly investigated the subject, grown earlier is an interesting problem, although the fact is clearly demon strated. The reason which appears to me most evident is that the ripening should take Hood's Sarsaparilla to purify of potatoes in midsummer is almost invariably accompanied by early blight, causing rot, a dying of the vines and seriously injuring the vitality of the seed. But in the latter part of the season, when the weather is cooler and when favorable conditions for blight do not exist, we get the seed with un impaired vitality.

Acting on this theory last spring I purchased seed, which I knew was grown in the latter part of the previous ason, and planting it the first week season, and planting it the first week in July I raised a crop of fine, large smooth potatoes. Now there is no reason why every farmer may not have set in and finally terminated in Consumphis seed of late grown potatoes if he will only take pains to do so. The will only take pains to do so. The up to my Savior, determined if I could not so swollen as to be unable to swallow. his seed of late grown potatoes if he will only take pains to do so. The keeping of the seed until time for such late planting is the main trouble, but it is easily accomplished by sun-sprouting, which is simply spreading the seed in a thin layer where it can receive the sunlight. It will send out strong It has cured me, and thank God, I am stubby spreads that are not easily saved and now a well and healthy woman. stubby sprouts that are not easily broken off and will commence to grow

every form and degree.

That Tired Feeling,

of convict labor and wanted to get it So common in the spring, is also due to the weak, thin, depleted condition of the blood. Make your blood pure by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and you will be strong and ready for work, will have good appetite and good health. Try Hood's Sarsaparilla this spring. on the roads, but they did not want to put the convicts to work in public in building roads." He says again, "I nointed out to them that right in their prison grounds at Folsom they had the best road material in the state; they had immense water power developed "My little girl was sick through th

altogether by convict labor all ready for work; all they needed to do was to provide machinery for quarring and erushing the rock, to be driven by that water power, and put their convicts at work preparing road materials. They took it up at once; they were fortunate enough to persuade the Southto Farmers ern Pacific railroad to give them low rates on the transporting of this material, and today the state of California is prepared to furnish a thousand tons of rock a day, put on the cars, at twentyfive cents a ton, all prepared for use. The railroads of California are carrying it at the bare cost of the train ser vice required, so that the counties in the great central valley of California, where there is not a gravel stone that you can throw at a bird are being supplied with road materials, delivered at

General Stone, the untiring advocate

f good roads, has turned his attention to the employment of convicts to pre-

pare the material for road making. In

a recent address delivered before the National Road parliament, he alludes

to the advice he gave at the road convention held at Sacramento, three years

ago, in regard to the use of convict labor for preparing road material.

"They received," he says, "with great satisfaction my suggestion to put the convict at work in preparing road ma-

terial. They wanted to get the tenefit

quarry in the United States. "I see no reason why the state of New York which has 2,000 prisoners marching around for exercise to keep them from going mad, should not put some of these men at work preparing materials for distribution and transportation over the splendid waterways of that

their doors all crushed, separated and

prepared for use, at fifty to sixty cents

a ton, less than you can buy it at any

"In building the Geneva road, the surfacing material is carried 350 miles by canal and river. Nor is there in the physical education of our childany reason why the state of Tennessee ren. The most beautiful woman loses should not use its couvicts in the same more than half her charm if she strides should not use its couvicts in the same way. There is a very especial value in this use of convicts. It not only furnishes materials at a low rate, but, in doing that, it stimulates road-building and leads to the employment of free labor in the actual construction of the roads. It disposes of the convict labor question; it practically disposes of the road question and it makes a demand

Nor can there be any reason why many of the states that have idle convicts, should not employ their labor in crushing stone for roads. This cannot be done in public, but at quarries where suitable stones can be found and where the convicts could be guarded in safety, and kept from the public gaze. In would be good for the convicts them selves, and would be a great assistance in securing good roads through the country. Squads of fifty or twenty could be stationed at a quarry near to a town or city in which there was a secure prison to lodge them during the Nor can there be any reason why secure prison to lodge them during the night. Some such plan would possibly be feasible and the convict lator would be secured, without any disadvantage to other laborers, who might be employed in getting the material in place

But farmere should not wait for convict labor to do what must be done for be true. A speaker tells us how easy the use of every honest farmer. Good the result of imitation of outward acbe true. A speaker tells us how easy the use of every houses as the use of every houses of it is to succeed along certain lines, and roads pay for the money expended as mind which prompts graciousness of act and speech toward others is conwe listen and are sure he is right and well as any improvement made for the act and speech toward eclaiming and tilling of the soil, and it is only a question of time when the work should be undertaken. No outlay which the state, the county, or the farmer can make will eventually prove so profitable as money judiciously expended in constructing good roads through the country. They are becoming as necessary as the roof on a house, if you would live in it. Every rain storm and every break up only adds to the pressing necessity that something must be done. No subject of state legislation is of greater importance than this. Keep this in mind and don't

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is out of order and in a short time they are well. I often recommend the medigot over it she was weak and did not eat.

My husband got her a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla, saying it would make her eat and give her strength—and it did. She was not and give her strength—and it did. She was not an order to the strength—and it did. She was not an order to the morning as a single well. I often recommend the medicine to my neighbors for boils and that tired feeling. Since taking Hood's Sarsaparilla I weigh more than I ever did in my life and my health was nown.

Sarsaparilla, saying it would make her eat and give her strength—and it did. She had taken it only a short time when she doing my work. I lingered along in this REED, Port Norris, N. J. Hood's Sarsaparilla

Our Woman'sColumn

HOW TO BE GRACEFUL. NE of the most



important points in the culture of physical beauty is the attainment of a graceful carriage. Children cannot begin too young to learn how to balance

their bodies and poise their heads gracefully. All kinds of bad habits may be guarded against if deportment is taught in early youth, but it is no easy matter to overcome a slovenly gait when the child has become a young wo-

question; it practically disposes of the great the cultivation of main and for free labor—the labor of men and teams in putting this material out upon the roads."

It is even a greater power than personal beauty. The most captivating women of all ages are said to have been those of pleasing manners rather than women of mere physical beauty.

The newest tie for ladies is the sai-

to a theory reduced to a practical terresponding to the material in place are the natural expression and attitude are the natural expression and attitude. of the parents, these graces will naturally manifest themselves in the child.

Nor will this manifestation be merely mental state. Correct deportment should not be underestimated, and one can hardly begin too early in childhood to inculcate its rules. But much more important is the instilling of those principles of right and justice and kindly consideration for others which underlie genuine politeness. Me remanners may treatherously forsakmanners may treacherously forsak-

manners may treacherously forsake their possessors at critical moments, but true politeness is spontaneous and can be relied upon to last.

SOMETHING ABOUT FISH.

Fish must be perfectly clean.

Clean fish carefully before dressing.

Fresh fish are better if soaked a few minutes it call water. inutes in salt water. If a fish kettle is not used for boiling wrap the fish in thin Swiss or cheese cloth to preserve the shape.

Never use butter; fry in lard. When

Never use butter; ity in lard. When one side is brown turn quickly, and as the other browns remove to the back part of the stove; cover closely. Cook slowly, thus retaining the weetness. Garnish with parsley, lettuce, sliced beets, lemon or hard bould e.gs.
Serve as soon as cooked, with ci her of the following sauces: Oyster, celery, mustard, cold fish, mayounaise, tartar, white whine or Helland ise.
Eels are a great delicacy fried, baked pickled or boiled. When cold, after cooking in the latter way, an excellent dish may be made by arranging the pieces of eels in a tin modid, with slices of lemon and covered with any bright jelly in liquid state. When cold turn from the mould and serve with olive oil and vinegar. one side is brown turn quickly, and as

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